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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I should like to thank you for your letter to Mrs. Chamberlin of September 3. The figure which surprised you so much did indeed result from your talk to the bacteriologists last November. I sketched it at your lecture and I am glad to know that it was accurate.

Since it has not been published we could, I suppose, refer to it as "from experiments of Lederberg and Zinder".

I do not know quite what to do about your suggestion of making the transducing particle free within the cell. In anticipation of your approval the figure has already been drawn up rather carefully. In any event I shall see that attention is drawn to this point in the legend to the figure.

With personal greetings and many thanks for your approval, I am

Yours truly,



Kenneth V. Thimann

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